



ENGINEERS MIX

One of the highlights of the past month in the Engineering School was the Freshman Mixer, held on February 2, in the Engineers' "auditorium"—Government 101. The Mixer was an immediate success because of the large number of men, both new and old, present. The purpose of these meetings, held at the beginning of each semester is to introduce the new men to the Faculty and to the activities of the Engineering School. Fortunately for the Engineers, the "men" included several feminine engineers-to-be.

President Marvin spoke on the history of George Washington University and showed photographs and drawings from his collection on the history of the school. Included in these pictures was the plan for the proposed University, with an enrollment of 25,000 students and

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ODK

On Feb. 17, at the All-U from, Fred Holcomb, our associate ed., was tapped for Omicron Delta Kappa, the honorary fraternity of the University. This is an honor not won by many Engineers in the past, but one we hope to see more Engineers achieve the future.

Fred, in his six years here, has held the following offices: Treasurer, Vice-President, and current President of the Engineers' Council; founder, former Editor-in-Chief, and present Associate Editor of the MECHLECTIV; Chairman of the AIEE; Corresponding Secretary of Theta Tau; member of the Activities Council; and President of the SAM. This long list proves that he merited the distinction of membership in ODK.

The honorary members tapped at the same time included, Admiral Hatch, Byron Price, Charles Glover, and Floyd Sparks.

ENGINEERS BALL

To Engineers this story is old stuff—the Engineers' Ball was a big success, from any standpoint. It all started out with no treasurer and therefore no records or change but people were let in and the "give" began.

Frank Bird's Band produced some very fine music so that Engineers and guests could glide gracefully over the floor. Then the intermission—the EE's Kissometer proved a boon to some of our less bashful members of the student body, and Mr and Mrs Dave Harris came through with the honors, and a non-engineer came in second best. Mr and Mrs Harris now possess a GW locket and a GW key as winners.

Everybody had a good time until about one AM, and the Council came out better

SCHEDULE

March 8	Wed.	Sigma Tau (short) Engineers' Council
March 15	Wed.	Theta Tau (long)
March 22	Wed.	Sigma Tau (long)
March 29	Wed.	Theta Tau (short)
April 5	Wed.	Engineering Societies
April 12	Wed.	Sigma Tau (short) Theta Tau (long)

than it had started, to the tune of \$100—more or less.

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Engineers ARE People

On the right hand of this page we always put a column entitled "Engineers and People". The title was chosen to infer the distinction that supposedly exists between Engineers and the rest of mankind. It is the purpose of this editorial to point out that Engineers are really normal human beings and should act as such.

In the symposium held at the College last Jan. 5, Dean S.C. Steinberg of the Univ. of Maryland made some statements that have prompted serious consideration on the part of a good many Engineers. In brief, the Dean reminded us that Engineers, with few exceptions, are notoriously uninterested, and consequently uninformed on the social and political problems of their communities. It was pointed out that at any town hall meeting or public assembly, Engineers have been conspicuous in their absence. A similar message was delivered by

Senator Roy Rogers of N.J. at the G.W.U. Engineers Annual Banquet in 1942.

In this connection we recall an address made early last semester before a combined meeting of the Engineering Society by Dr. W.H. Yeager of our own Public Speaking Dept. in which he emphasized that Engineers have a strong tendency to neglect those aspects of their college curriculum which are not purely technical.

Following this introduction, we would like to point out the following:

1. Technical training courses for Engineers are the most important, but they

ENGINEERS AND PEOPLE

Thomas Henry Heine...

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superman! No! It's Henry on his motorcycle. He comes roaring to school early in the morning and doesn't leave till late at night. A full time E.E., Henry has his finger in so many things that he is really a busy little bee. He is a member of Theta Tau and Sigma Tau engineering fraternities, Delta Tau Delta social fraternity, the Engineers' Council, the Rifle Club, chairman of AILE and co-columnist to the Mechfleciv starting next issue (he hopes). Henry is now holding down Ned Shreiner's old den and all the jobs that go with it. Besides being E.E. lab instructor, Heine has been a student assistant in both physics and radio labs. It was on March 2, 1923 (Ed. Note: 21 yrs! Girls take note) a lone raiding stork scored a direct hit with Henry on the house of Mr. and Mrs. Heine here in Washington. Henry went to school in Washington, graduating from Roosevelt High School where he worked up to 1st lt. in the High School cadets. While other boys have been chasing "chickens", Henry has made a hobby of raising pigeons. The Briggs Meyer indicator rated him as an introvert, but the true story is he is too smart to come into the Student Club. Looking to the future, Henry hopes to receive his diploma in June and then he plans to make a career of the Army for the duration plus six months.

are not everything. With out supplementary courses in public speaking, management, chemistry, law, history, geography etc. (all the things that other curriculums include), an Engineer is merely half-baked and his education is not complete. Half-baked Engrs. are the 25 per week variety but it takes a man with a well rounded education to be a good Engr.

2. Engrs. require for their normal business and social contacts a broad

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ME and YFU

* Student speakers will contest for a valuable prize, as yet undetermined, and also for a free trip to the A.S.M.E. regional conference at next Wednesday's meeting of the A.S.M.E. At least two ruddy M. E.'s have volunteered to give fifteen minute talks on some engineering subject and more are urged to participate. It still isn't too late to come forward, so don't be bashful.

We'll have to elect a new member to the Engineers' Council Wednesday to replace Jim Kincaid who got that twenty dollar slip of paper the other day only after turning the charm on Miss Mears to unflunk him on differential equations. Other important business will have to be transacted, so don't forget to be there for the hemming and the hawing.

The M.E.'s were well represented at the Engineers' Ball and retained their positions as leading social butterflies (E.E.'s note: What the hell?) It is worthy of note that although the kissing machine was invented by the E.E.'s, the M.E.'s won at least the first four places led by Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harris (E.E.'s note: But think of all the practice they have had). The Ball was quite a success in spite of the violation, at least in spirit, of the closed date by some of the social fraternities.

SAM MILING

The second program meeting of the GW Student Chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management will be held on Mon. March 20 in Gov. 101 at 8:15 PM. The topic to be discussed will be the Training within Industry program, and the principal speaker will be Dr. J. Walter Dietz, Associate Director of TWI. It promises to be a most interesting meeting, and anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

SHORT CIRCUITS

The applause broke loud and long in Constitution Hall when Ned Schreier shuffled across the platform and received the reward of three and a half years mental labor. As our past Branch Chairman and before that as Sec.-Treas. Ned was an untiring worker and guiding hand for the G.W. E.E.'s. His presence will be missed but since college is not a life's work for most people, the granting of a diploma is a one way ticket out.

Recent proof of the all-round versatility of an E.E. education is the appointment of 'Pill' Andrews to the position of Instructor of Hydraulics. The first thing this budding prof. did was declare a holiday for Fri., Feb. 25. In terms of Bernoulli's theorem this situation was brought about as follows: Andrew's total headache = greater than critical velocity of car on Conn. Ave. + sufficient pressure by local police force + not much potential chance of escaping judge's gavel on Fri. It has been revealed that 'Pill's' reservoir has been drained by \$25.00.

The fellows around school were surprised to see Ensign Whit Beatson, dropping in pretty regularly of late. The reason is he's finishing up the wiring on a demonstration meter panel which has been disturbing his dreams since he left last summer. 'Perrod' Toffolo and 'Nepers' Conrad have publicly made the vow to hand in all lab. reports on time to avoid the between-semesters writer's cramp. They might just as well have decided to give up gals.

Alfred Barauk, 2BB.E.E., chairman of the E.E. program committee, has Mr. Dan Hunter to speak on Frequency Modulation at our next meeting on Wed., Mar. 1, in room D-102. The election of a new vice-chairman is also in order as well as the approval of the appointments of a new refreshment committee, new membership Comm. Chairman, and new wire crosser.

AM. SOC. C.E.

Because of the joint meeting of all the societies in January and the Engineers' Mixer in February, the American Society of Engineers held its first meeting of the year in Rm. 205 of Bldg. D on Wed., March 1, at 8 P.M. The society was fortunate in having as the speaker of the evening, Mr. Herbert N. Eaton chief of the Hydraulics Section of the National Bureau of Standards, who spoke on "A Model Test of Condensing Water Circulation in a Basin." All who attended found this meeting worthwhile because Mr. Eaton is not only an interesting speaker but is well known as an authority on Hydraulics and Mathematics.

Prof. Strillo's unexpected Announcement at the end of last semester that he was leaving school to become a Lt.(j.g.) in the Navy left the C.E. dept. in quite a predicament. As a result there was a reshuffling and re-assignment of C.E. courses culminating in the return of two former instructors, namely, Carl J. Oleinik to teach Reinforced Concrete Design; and Ralph E. Fuhrman to teach Water Supply and Sewerage. Student instructor Bill Andrews is teaching Prof. Strillo's morning class in Hydraulics.

It requires more character to bear' and fortune than ill.

It has been my experience that people who have no vices have very few virtues.
Lincoln

There are people who would never have loved if they had never heard of love.

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Out-look in the problems of life. We exhibit entirely too much of a tendency to shut ourselves up in a tiny world bordered by textbooks, slide rules, and drafting boards. Part of the broad outlook is participation in community affairs where our ingrained (ahem!) ability to reach the heart of any problem will soon bring attention.

THETA TAU

MEETINGS It is time to take stock of our meetings. Last week we had a good turnout and an active meeting. but - consider the time wasted and business not covered, even in such a long meeting. Such meetings as these are fun but if we had wasted less time, we could have gotten more done, been through earlier and had an extra session at the "823" which we all would have enjoyed more.

BIRTHDAY It is all set for the 18th of March at the Roger Smith Hotel. The times are six, eight, and ten for the Initiation, Banquet, and Dance respectively. It is semi-formal; i.e. Girls formal and boys informal. The girls, unfortunately, are invited to the dance only.

RUSH PARTY The rush party held at Chet Thom's house on February 19 was a success and Ben Gann is to be congratulated on beautiful arrangement. There were plenty of new men out and a fair turnout of the actives.

ODDS'NDS Allen Ensign was elected last meeting, and is to be initiated March 18th. **Cliff Williamson was seen wolfing around at the "All" Prof., and now is that George Kelly got his commission as 2nd Lt.*** We note that no Theta Tau's graduated this semester. Are we all here for life? Brother Dave, we wish you luck in your new adventure they say that matrimony is very, for those that are married.

We want to take this opportunity to express the Fraternity's deepest sympathy to Bob Weston on the death of his wife.

3. Despite all arguments to the contrary, Engrs. are human beings-people- and should act as such. Engineers, especially sales and application engineers will find that they will be expected

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SIGMA TAU

Since the last column was written, a change in columnists has occurred as well as many other events of note which we are certain you will enjoy.

To begin at the beginning, Bill Risley and Jim Skiles were pledged to the Fraternity. Bill Risley received his pin from Professor Walther and Jim Skiles from Professor Cruikshanks. Congratulate!

Other prospective pledges who had the necessary scholastic attainments were not accepted as they were not known to the brothers. We would like to point out at this time that although Sigma Tau's primary requirement is scholarship there are two other requirements of socialability and practicality, which a prospective pledge must possess. To those who feel that they have a good honor point average we urge to become active in their respective student branch societies so that we can judge their socialability and practicality.

Sigma Tau points with justifiable pride to Brother Ned Schreiner, chapter historian, who graduated last Tuesday, Feb. 22. Ned was well known throughout the school for his ever-readiness to lend a helping hand. As chairman of the coaching class, he did a magnificent job and we know that all those who received coaching appreciated it. In fact, some wanted to pay for it! Nice way to build up the Treasury.

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to do some social bull-shitting" with their prospective customers. A rounded education will help a lot.

Think it over! Enore; but don't surprise us by rushing down to the next community problems meeting. The shock might be more than you can stand.

In Birmingham, Alabama, an aged couple appeared in Divorce Court. "I see that you two have been married thirty-nine years, but now want a divorce," reproved the judge. "Why?" "Enough is enough," the elderly lady said doggedly. The divorce was granted.

A liar should have a good memory.

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housing facilities for 10,000." Although this may seem to be rather ambitious to some, President Marvin cited the rapid expansion of the School in recent years and declared that it will continue to grow and accelerate after the war. Many of these pictures were not known to exist before the President became interested in this history and began his collection. For this reason they were doubly interesting.

The present standing of the Engineering School and the prospects for the future were outlined by Dean Fisher, emphasizing our responsibility both today as students and as engineers in the years ahead.

The activities of the Engineers were next introduced by the Freshman, the ASME, IEEE and AIEE each in turn being represented by a table of books for each of these organizations inviting the men to become members and to take part in the activities. Then Tau and Sigma Tau were introduced respectively by the professional and honorary fraternities of the Engineers and the qualifications for membership were explained.

Keys were then presented to the graduating members of the Engineers' Council, Jim Kinoshita and Ted Schreiner.

At the conclusion of the program, the meeting was adjourned to the main business of the evening—refreshments (the best so far) and the usual round of chatter.

WANTED

Professor Trumbull has sent out another call for Johannes and Katar's "Descriptive Geometry." The plates are not being used this semester, so if you have a copy around, bring it down to Prof. Trumbull. Someone will buy, borrow or rent it, as you wish. There is a critical shortage of this book and some members of the present classes need copies.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

To eat is human; to digest, divine.



"Here," drizzled the drunk in the music stor, "Here's a nice double-barreled shotgun."

"Liar," said his sezzled friend, "it's a single-barreled gun."

"Hey, you two," shouted the clerk, "get away from that pipe-organ!"

PR.CTICE TAKES PERFECT

'Twas just a kiss I asked for
And you gave your consent.

But then I asked if ever before
Your kisses you had lent,
You said "no" in tones so meek

My chest swelled up in pride,
But when you showed me your technique
I knew darn well you lied.

Mother: Junior, say "ah" so the nice
doctor can get his fist out of your
mouth.

Photog: Your pictures will cost \$80 a
dozen—look pleasant, please!

I hate to be a kicker;
I always long for peace.
But the wheel that does the squeaking
Is the one that gets the grease.

He: Only a mother could love a face
like that.

She: I'm about to inherit a fortune.

He: I'm about to become a mother.

"How do you find things these cold
mornings?"

"Oh, I throw back the covers and there
I am.

St. Peter: How did you get up here?

Latest arrival: Flu.

Did you ever hear about the man who
smoked so many Camels and his nerves
got so steady that he couldn't move?

"What's your boy going to be when he
finishes his Engineering course?"

"An octogenarian, I think."

"Would you scream if I kissed you?"

How could I, if you did it properly?"

He knocked at the door of my room.

"May I come in? It's the room I had
when I went to college in '09," he said.

I invited him in

"Yes sir," he said, lost in reverie.

"Same old room. Same old windows. Same
old furniture. Same old view of the
campus. Same old closet." He rapped the
door. There stood a girl, horrified.

"This is my sister," I said

"Yes sir; same old story "

Two students in chem. lab: "Say, what's
that offer?" "Fresh air...somebody
opened a window."

"Did you have your radio on last night?

Yes.

How did it fit?

Waiter, I'll have a chop, and make it
lean.

Which way, sir?

Why are you eating with a knife?

My fork looks.

She's this

the like

kind at

of look

a girl you